CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT Weekly COVID-19 Update

May 18, 2021



Week of May 17th COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

We have available appointments at the following clinics this week:

- Tuesday, May 18th from 9:30am-12:30pm College Square Old Peebles/Gordmans (Moderna and Pfizer, Ages 12+)
- Tuesday, May 18th from 2:00pm-5:00pm College Square Old Peebles/Gordmans (Johnson & Johnson, Ages 18+)
- Wednesday, May 19th from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds (Moderna, Ages 18+)
- Wednesday, May 19th from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds (Johnson & Johnson, Ages 18+)
- Friday, May 21st from 9:30am-12:30pm Harrisonburg Community Activities Center (Pfizer, Ages 12+)

Click here to schedule an appointment!

To make an appointment, visit vaccineappointments.virginia.gov. Walk-ins are welcome as supply allows.

If you are looking for a clinic in another area, please visit<u>vaccines.gov</u> and use your zip code to find appointments at local pharmacies and healthcare providers. Visit <u>vaccinate.augustahealth.com</u> to make an appointment at Augusta Health. These appointments are available to those ages 12+ who live, work, or go to school in the Central Shenandoah Health District.

If you are having problem making an online appointment, please call your local health department. Please help us reserve the phone lines for those with limited internet access and/or low computer literacy.

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

Pfizer Update

On May 12th, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that providers across the Commonwealth can begin vaccinating those aged 12-15 following federal approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in adolescents.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for those aged 12-15 Wednesday, accepting the recommendation of its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which met to review safety data for the vaccine in this age group. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Monday amended the vaccine's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include those aged 12-15.

For more information about the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, please clickhere.

Executive Order 72 and Mask Update

On Wednesday, the CDC issued guidance that anyone who is fully vaccinated can participate in indoor and outdoor activities – large or small -- without wearing a mask or physically distancing, dependent on State or Local mask requirements. CDC guidance is based on the available science, and over the past few weeks, cases have continued falling dramatically, and a growing number of studies have shown three big things:

- Vaccines are working in the real world. Studies show them to be >90% effective in the real world settings in preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization, and death.
- Vaccines have proven to be effective against the SARS-CoV-2 variants currently circulating in the country.

If you're vaccinated, you're less likely to spread the virus. A growing body of evidence suggests that fully
vaccinated people are less likely to have asymptomatic infection and to be able to transmit SARS-CoV-2 to
others

Following the CDC guidance, Governor Northam announced that masks will no longer be required by Executive Order 72 for fully vaccinated individuals in most indoor settings. Exceptions will include public transit, health care facilities, and congregate settings. Anyone who is not yet vaccinated is strongly encouraged to wear masks in all settings. You are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

SHARE HOW

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Add this frame to your profile pic to inspire others to get their

COVID-19 vaccines.

It's Our Shot, Virginia: Statewide Day of Action

Governor Northam invites Virginians to participate in the "It's Our Shot, Virginia: Statewide Day of Action" on Tuesday, May 18. Here is how you can get involved:

- Become a COVID-19 Community
 Ambassador! Help spread information about the COVID-19 vaccine to your friends, family, and community.
- Have you been vaccinated? Add a frame to your Facebook profile picture or use a virtual meeting background!
- Use the hashtag #VaccinateVirginia to celebrate vaccines on social media!
- If you haven't been vaccinated, sign up for your free COVID-19 vaccine atvaccineappointments.virginia.gov!



CSHD will be offering mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinics in the community in an effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines. To succeed in these efforts, we need your help! If your organization is interested in a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for your community, then we are asking that you complete this request form. You can also go to https://redcap.link/32fiylbj. Our mobile clinics can be walk-up with no registration needed and can be flexible in date and time of clinics. Our clinics can serve anywhere from 20-200 people. This service is free and available to all community members.

For some inspiration, a mobile clinic could be held at:

- a local festival, event, block party, farmers market, etc.
- a church, community center, business
- a food pantry, homeless shelters
- a park or public space

If interested, please complete the form and I will reach back out to you within 3-4 business days. Please share with other community members that may be interested in this service. A link to this request form will be available on our website at https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/central-shenandoah/covid-19-vaccine-information/.

Click here to request a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for your community!

District COVID-19 Activity

Cases have been decreasing in our region (Northwest) for the last 31 days and cases are considered to be decreasing. It is important to take preventative measures like avoiding crowded areas, wearing a mask, and washing your hands. You can explore individual locality metrics here. To learn more about the VDH Pandemic Metrics, click here.

Prevention Reminders

Let's work together to stop the COVID-19 variants from spreading! If you are not fully vaccinated, you should to continue to take preventative measures:

- · Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6ft away from others
- Avoid crowded areas
- Get your free COVID-19 vaccine!
- Follow the CDC guidance for fully vaccinated

individuals'

*You are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your second dose in a 2 dose series (Moderna and Pfizer) and 2 weeks after received a single dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

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COVID-19 EDUCATION EVENTS

Host a COVID-19 Vaccine Information Session

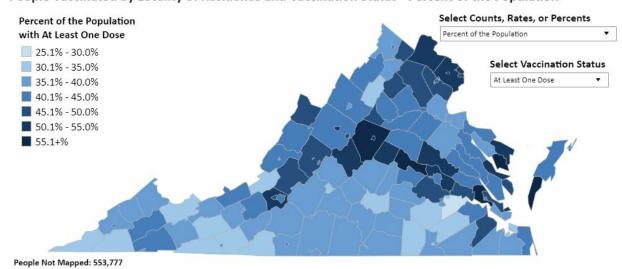
Want to learn more about the difference vaccines? How to pre-register? Host a COVID-19 vaccine information session! If your organization would like more information about the COVID-19 vaccine you can schedule an information session with our health education team. Sign up for a session here.

COVID-19 VACCINE DATA

In the Central Shenandoah Health District, 44.5% of the population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 37.9% of the population is fully vaccinated.

You are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

People Vaccinated by Locality of Residence and Vaccination Status - Percent of the Population



This is a map of fully vaccinated people as a percentage of the population. This dose not include those vaccinated through the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Defense, Indian Health Service, and the Veterans Administration.

For locality COVID-19 vaccine distribution numbers, please visit the VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

COVID-19 DATA BREAKDOWN

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Negative numbers indicate data corrections, since March 2020. More data can be found here.

	7-Day Average Number of Daily New Cases Reported	Total Cases	Total Hospitalizations	Total Deaths
Augusta	6	5,825	170	71
Staunton City	0	2,527	84	71
Waynesboro City	1	2,373	73	38
Rockbridge	3	1,552	52	46
Lexington City	2	1,204	26	32
Buena Vista City	1	910	22	20
Rockingham	4	6,765	385	107
Harrisonburg City	1	6,485	188	94
Bath	0	271	9	10
Highland	0	109	1	1
Totals	19	28,021	1,010	490
*As of 10:00am on 5/17				

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

Download the images below and share them on your social media pages!



The Central Shenandoah Health District (CSHD) is offering free COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area. To make an appointment, please visit https://vaccineappointments.virginia.g ov/ and search for nearby clinics using your zip code.

Walk-in appointments are welcome as supply allows.

To search for other locations, visit vaccines.gov



The Central Shenandoah Health
District (CSHD) is offering free
COVID-19 vaccine clinics this week in
the Rockbridge/Buena
Vista/Lexington area. To make an
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https://vaccineappointments.virginia.g
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using your zip code.

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Congratulations to our Virginia graduates! Thanks to all the administrators, faculty, staff and students who made a safe school year possible. You did it! As you make summer plans, be sure to schedule your free COVID-19 vaccine appointment if you haven't already.

To schedule your appointment, visit vaccineappointments.virginia.gov or vaccines.gov





Why get your adolescent vaccinated

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is now available for adolescents aged 12-15 years. By getting your child vaccinated:

- You'll make schools safer for everybody
- While adolescents are less likely to have serious illness than adults, they can spread the virus.



Woohoo! Celebrate your vaccine by adding a frame to your Facebook profile picture.

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Here is how you can change your profile picture:

https://www.facebook.com/profilepicfr ames/?

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The Pfizer vaccine is now available for those 12 and older! By getting your child vaccinated:

- You'll protect them from COVID-19
- You'll make schools safer for everybody
- While adolescents are less likely to have serious illness than adults, they can spread the virus

To schedule your appointment, visit vaccineappointments.virginia.gov or vaccines.gov

It's important to get your second vaccine! You can get your second vaccine wherever vaccines are available.

To schedule your second vaccine appointment, visit vaccineappointments.virginia.gov or vaccines.gov

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Enhance your profile picture on Facebook! VDH has added some new profile picture frame options to Facebook to celebrate the COVID-19 vaccine. Add one of the frames using this link: https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/? selected overlay id=776795962975230



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